Insanitary condition of the premises of the Sri Mulam Buildings, Vanchiyoor.

83. ✱ MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the insanitary condition of the premises of the Sri Mulam Buildings, Vanchiyor, Trivandrum; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the necessity of improving the condition of the premises by covering up the channels on the sides of the above buildings?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the locality any time?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir, I have done so in respect of the Vanchiyoor Scheme which is pending with the Corporation.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether he has visited the locality during the rainy seasons?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Well, I have not recently But I have been there—some six months ago.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the premises are in a dirty condition?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I cannot say now; I may have a look at it.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether he is aware that the Advisory Board passed a resolution requesting Government that at least a parapet wall should be constructed on the western side of the High Court buildings up to Pettah?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir. We have to decide what the height of the wall should be. The Drainage Engineer is examining the whole question. As soon as he decides that, the work will be taken up.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know when the work will commence?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As soon as the investigation is completed and the estimates are ready.

Rates of the daily wages of coolies.

84. ✱ MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there is great difference between the local rates of the daily wages of coolies and the P. W. D. rates?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN; No. Rates that will give the labourers good living wages are always paid and when possible ration of rice is also obtained and distributed.

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MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡി. ക്ലിറേറും നാട്ടിൽ നടക്കുന്ന ക്ലിറേറും തമ്മിൽ വലിയ വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ടെന്ന് ഈ സഭയിൽതന്നെ അനേകം പേർ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ അവർകൾ കേട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: കേട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: അതു കേട്ടിട്ടുള്ള നിലയ്ക്ക് "Government is not aware" എന്ന മറുപടി പറയാൻ കാരണമെന്ത്?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The second part of the question answers the first.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: You will kindly read the question; with all that, you have covered the question by "no".

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: But the "no" is qualified by the second part.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the rate of 22 chuckrams now given is not low?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not consider so.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know, why?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Actually, Sir, it is a very complicated question. If I am to explain to the House I am afraid, I will take up the time of the House for a whole day.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know whether the Chief Engineer is aware of the local conditions?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I tell him that he has to learn a lot of the local conditions?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not say that I am a past master in State matters.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether he is aware of the statement made on the floor of the House on the last session that there was a scheme prepared adumbrating a ten year programme for the improvement of the roads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir. I am not so sure of that. During the war some schemes were made, but actually they did not crystallise.

Roads.

85. * MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have prepared any scheme for providing more roads in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to place a copy of the scheme on the table?

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